

TOWN OF CECILTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Monday, September 22, 2008
7:00 p.m.

The Town Council held a Regular Session Meeting at Town Hall on Monday, September 22, 2008. The following were in attendance:

John J. Bunnell, Mayor

Joseph A. Zang, III, Member
Craig DeVary, Member

Terry Moore, Member

Absent: Michael Cooper, Member

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

All in Attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

September 10, 2008 Work Session Minutes:

Member Zang brought to the attention of those in attendance, that the minutes were incorrect in regard to the sentence, “ He said that according to Ed Strauss, Bearing Construction dropped the ball on keeping that road in shape.” Mr. Zang said that the minutes should read, “ He said that according to Ed Strauss, URS dropped the ball on keeping that road in shape.” The minutes were corrected. Member DeVary made a motion to accept the corrected minutes as written. Member Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financials and Account Balances:

Member Zang made a motion to accept the Financials and Account Balances as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrator’s Report:

Mayor Bunnell pointed out the letter that Bearing Construction, Inc. (copy attached) sent to URS stating that on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 the Waste Water Treatment Plant is scheduled to be on line 100% and an operation demonstration will be done at 9:00 a.m. The letter also stated that the plant would be at “substantial completion” on that date. The Town Administrator also presented an Account Summary and Estimate of Funds needed to the Mayor and Council (attached). The Mayor explained there was a “punch list” to be completed; however that should not stand in the way of “ substantial completion” status. The Mayor said that if things stay on schedule, the Town should receive notice sometime around Thanksgiving from the State that the Town should receive the new allocation amounts. The Mayor said they had a meeting last Thursday with Bearing Construction and URS regarding Mr. Piri’s property line and the utilities going down the road. He reported that they went out and found the line and confirmed that nothing is on Mr. Piri’s property. The Mayor said that Bearing Construction agreed, when they re-grade the road, they would remove the crush and run from Mr. Piri’s property line and put it over where it is supposed to be. They will also reseed and re-grade his area. The Mayor reported that Mr. Piri was more than happy with that solution. The Mayor also said that on the outside of Mr. Piri’s property line, where it crosses into Mr. Riggins property, in the right-of-way, the junction box for the phone line actually crosses the property boundary. The Mayor went on to say that instead of delaying the WWTP opening, that they would have the moving of the junction box and lines put on the “punch list” of items to be completed.

The Town Administrator announced that the ad for the sealed bids for the old Town truck went into the Cecil Whig Newspaper today. The bids will be opened on October 6, 2008.

Member Zang asked the Town Administrator if the Town had received the report from Chris Rogers regarding Royal Farms. The Town Administrator said that tomorrow was the end of the 2-week deadline.

Member DeVary asked why there is no work being completed on the renovation on the part of the owner of the Texaco Station. The Administrator said that the owner had to fire his helper and he is waiting to acquire more funding to complete the project. She said she would inquire as to the estimated time of completion. Member Moore said that there are other residents in the Town that have incomplete projects as well. The Mayor asked the Town Administrator to inquire about the time of completion on those properties as well as the Texaco Station.

Maintenance Report:

The Mayor wanted to clarify one of the items in the Maintenance Report that referred to “Moved the shed from Reba’s house to John’s yard.” The Mayor explained the Maintenance crew was cleaning up the property known as Reba’s, which the Town now owns. The Town was in the process of restoring some of the equipment from the old sewer plant and they needed a place to store some of the equipment. The Mayor said to take the shed and put it out at the sewer plant. However that became to large of a job, so the Mayor said to put the shed in his backyard and he would either use it or get rid of it. The Mayor reported he gave the shed to his next-door neighbor with the understanding that the neighbor will get a permit for the shed.

Member Zang said that he was in the maintenance building and he noticed that it had accumulated a lot of junk and that the building needs to be cleaned out and organized. The Mayor and Council agreed that they would ask Bobby to have that done by the first of the year.

August 2008 Water and Waste Water Report:

Reviewed without comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Maryland Employer Support For The Guard And Reserve:

The Mayor read the Proclamation for the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve from the Town of Cecilton (attached). He asked the Town Administrator to contact the ESGR and ask them to provide literature that could be incorporated into employer policy manuals. Member Zang made a motion to accept the Proclamation for the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve from the Town of Cecilton. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Tank Antenna Site Management Program: Russ Brown, Utility Service Company, Inc.

The Mayor and Council agreed that the Wireless Communications Management Agreement (attached) presented by Mr. Brown was in the best interest of the Town. It was discussed as to how much time and labor it will take to come to any agreement with any carrier that may show interest in installing an antenna on the tank. Mr. Brown once again made it clear that no matter how many carriers have antenna on the tank that with the agreement, the Town would never be charged any additional fees for maintenance due to the additional cost for the asset of the antenna on the tank. Mr. Brown also wanted to clarify the point that Utility Service Company does not guarantee income from carriers. He went on to explain that his company will provide a sign to the Town that should be erected close to the tower in order for carriers to be aware of whom to contact should they

have an interest in putting an antenna on the Town tank. Once interest is shown his company would then enter into the process with the interested party.

Member Moore made a motion to accept the Wireless Communications Management Agreement from Utility Service Communications Company as written. Member Zang seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Public Comments:

None

Good of the Order:

The Mayor announced the MML Cecil-Hartford Chapter Dinner on October 16, 2008.

The Mayor said the Legislative Session of the Fall Conference of the MML is coming up rapidly. He said if anyone had anything they felt needed legislative action, they should let him know. A Legislation Action Request can be drawn up and presented to the MML at the fall conference for consideration.

The Mayor also presented the new Information Guide to the Town of Cecilton. He explained that the Town had received a \$1,000.00 grant to help fund printing of the guide from Cecil County Department of Economic Development for the BRAC relocation.

ADJOURN:

Respectively submitted:

Patricia Trucksess

Approved:

John J. Bunnell
Mayor